

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MADRID 01876 112130Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06
COME-00 EB-08 LAB-04 SIL-01 TRSE-00 /071 W
-----120939Z 000281 /12

R 111713Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9306
INFO SECAGRICULTURE WASHDC
AMEMBASSY LISBON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MADRID 1876

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, PINT, SP
SUBJECT: SPANISH UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE COMMENTS ON
FARMER DEMONSTRATIONS

REF: MADRID 1655

1. THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND THE ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE ATTENDED A LUNCHEON WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, MR. JAIME LAMO DE ESPINOSA, ON MONDAY, MARCH 7. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK AND THREE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, MESSRS. GUILLERMO ESCARDO, RAFAEL CAVESTANY AND FRANCISCO BOTELLA.

2. THE UNDERSECRETARY, WHO WAS THE HOST, SUGGESTED SIMILAR FUTURE LUNCHEONS TO PROVIDE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND RESIDENT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES. THE LUNCHEON ALSO PROVIDED THE UNDER SECRETARY AND STAFF MEMBERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR OPINIONS REGARDING RECENT FARMERS' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MADRID 01876 112130Z

DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE SPONTANEITY OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS, THE UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED THAT FARMERS, RESTLESS OVER THE ABNORMALLY WET WEATHER AND UNABLE TO GET INTO THE FIELDS, SEIZED UPON THE LOCALIZED POTATO DISPUTE AND OTHER PROBLEMS AS A VENT FOR THEIR

EMOTIONS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE THEIR GRIEVANCES IN THE PUBLIC FORUM. THE TRACTOR DRIVE-IN WAS THE RESULT. HE ALSO SAID THAT MOST OF THE FARMERS HAD NOW REMOVED THEIR TRACTORS FROM THE ROADS AND WERE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE RECENT GOOD WEATHER TO WORK THE FIELDS. THE RECENT GOOD WEATHER OBVIOUSLY WAS A BLESSING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND A STRONG FACTOR IN THE RETURN TO WORK MOVEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, SEVERAL ISOLATED DISTURBANCES CONTINUED DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THIS WEEK. DAIRY-MEN IN THE POLA DE SIERO AREA, ASTURIAS, PROTESTED THE PRICE OF MILK AND TOMATO GROWERS IN BADAJOZ HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT PRICES OFFERED BY CANNERS.

4. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS GRIEVANCES AND TO FORM FARMER ASSOCIATIONS WERE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF THE UNREST. THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT THE MINISTRY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF A NEW APPROACH TO FARM ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT THIS WILL COME WITH DEMOCRATIC REFORM. HE SAID THAT DESPITE ALL THE FOREGOING, THE QUESTION OF DISPARITY IN FARMERS' SHARE OF THE NATIONAL WEALTH POSES SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. "SPAIN CANNOT BE COMPARED WITH THE UNITED STATES OR NORTHERN EUROPE BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY STRUCTURAL DIFFERENCES, WHICH SIMPLY CANNOT BE RESOLVED IN THE SHORT RUN." INDEED LAST WEEK, THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE SYMPATHIZED WITH MANY OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE FARMERS, BUT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE THAT HE COULD DO IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO RECTIFY THEM. EATON
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MADRID 01876 112130Z

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MADRID01876
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770085-1048
Format: TEL
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770369/aaaacyk.tel
Line Count: 97
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6accbab9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MADRID 1655
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3137124
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SPANISH UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE COMMENTS ON FARMER DEMONSTRATIONS
TAGS: EAGR, PINT, SP, (DE ESPINOSA, JAIME LAMO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6accbab9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009